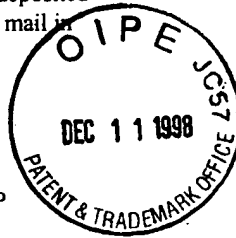


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In re application of:

GRAY, COLLINS, HWANG, GODFREY,  
KOWBEL, and ROMMENS

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**AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 9, 1998, Applicants respectfully

requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. An unsigned Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 and a petition to extend the period of response for three months is enclosed. For the convenience of the Examiner, a list of the pending claims is attached as Appendix I.

**In the Specification:**

Please cancel Figure 1 and substitute therefore the enclosed replacement Figure 1.

**In the Claims:**

1. (Once amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a polynucleotide sequence [having a subsequence which] that specifically hybridizes under stringent conditions to a sequence or to a complement of a sequence selected from the group

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